

REMARKS

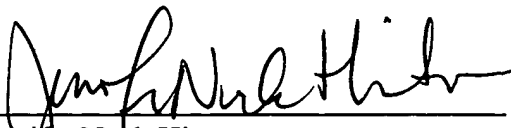
Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 4-12 have been allowed, claims 2 and 3 are objected to, and claim 1 is rejected. By the present amendment, claims 1 and 2 have been amended. Reconsideration of rejected claim 1 in light of the amendments thereto and the following remarks is respectfully requested. In addition, consideration of the enclosed Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with respect to the pending claims is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite an apparatus for improving the measurement of force variation in a tire being tested on a tire uniformity machine that features a loadwheel assembly including a rotatable loadwheel. Load sensors detect forces imposed on the loadwheel by a tire being tested. One or more accelerometers detect vibrations in the loadwheel caused by forces other than the forces applied by the tire. Subtracting means subtract the vibration induced forces from the tire imposed forces to obtain more precise tire uniformity data. As noted in the Office Action, the art or record does not teach nor suggest the use of one or more accelerometers in Applicant's invention. Applicant submits that the newly cited art found in the Supplemental Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with this response fails to teach or suggest the use of one or more accelerometers as well. For these reasons, claim 1 and its depending claims 2 and 3 are in condition for allowance and claims 4-12 remain in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0630 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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